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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ETRD EMIN EALR MR

SUBJECT: IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION: MAURITANIAN ROLE

1. WE RECENTLY DISCUSSED IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION  
WITH ISHAQ OULD RAGEL, DIRECTOR OF MINES IN MINISTRY OF  
PLAN AND INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT. RAGEL ATTENDED NEW DELHI MEETING  
AND EXPECTS TO ATTEND APRIL SESSION IN GENEVA WHICH  
WILL PROBABLY ESTABLISH FORMALLY IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION.

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2. RAGEL EXPLAINED THAT CREATION OF ASSOCIATION IS VERY IMPORTANT

TO MAURITANIA WHICH EARNS NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF ITS FOREIGN EXCHANGE FROM IRON ORE EXPORTS EVEN THOUGH IT RANKS ONLY ABOUT NUMBER TEN AMONG WORLD EXPORTERS OF IRON ORE. HE SAID GIRM PLANS TO JOIN ASSOCIATION BUT ADMITTED THAT MAURITANIA DOES NOT HAVE CLOUT TO INFLUENCE SIGNIFICANTLY DIRECTION OF ORGANIZATION. RAGEL IDENTIFIED AUSTRALIA AND CANADA AS TWO KEY COUNTRIES IN DETER GOG ROLE FOR ORGANIZATION, NOTING THAT NEITHER COUNTRY DESIRES TO CREATE PRICE-CONTROLLING STRUCTURE ALONG LINES OF OPEC.

3. RAGEL PREDICTED THAT IRON ORE EXPORTERS ASSOCIATION WILL BE WEAKER ORGANIZATION THAN OPEC. HE IMPLIED THAT MAURITANIA PREFERENCES, HOWEVER, TO HAVE MORE POWERFUL GROUPING SIMILAR TO OPEC. HE INDICATED THAT GIRM IS, NEVERTHELESS, PREPARED TO JOIN MORE WATERED-DOWN ASSOCIATION. SHINN

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